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re: Dale Henry Hellmann / Hellmann ; Michael L. Manning / Hellmann ; Leo L. McMurray / Hellmann ; Jimmy E. Settle / Hellmann ; Robert A. Wagner/m; Hubert Whittenburg / Hubert Wh

Dear Sirs:

The Missouri commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers listed above have been granted an exemption from the vision regulation in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). If they meet all other Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, these individuals are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. The exemption will become effective November 9, 1998.

The exemption has been granted under 49 U.S.C. 3 1136(e); it is valid for 2 years and is renewable. The conditions attached to the exemption, which each driver must meet in order to retain it, are:

- (1) Each individual must be physically examined every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests his vision continues to measure at least 20/40 (Snellen) in the better eye, and (b) by a medical examiner who attests he is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41.
- (2) Each individual must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination.
- (3) The medical certificate must bear the statement, "Medically unqualified unless accompanied by a Federal vision waiver."
- (4) Each individual must have a copy of the certificate when driving so it may be presented to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Although the exemption is valid for 2 years, the medical certificate may be valid for no more than 12 months. Each driver must undergo a recertification examination every year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Thomas of my staff, at 202-366-8786.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Brennan

Director, Office of Motor Carrier

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